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SUBJECT: NORTH SINAI LOCAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES SECURITY PROBLEMS

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Classified By: Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Stephen P. O'Dowd for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(S) Key Points: -- The North Sinai local council recently met to discuss the declining security situation in the region. The councilmen expressed concern about the proliferation and increased use of weapons in North Sinai. The councilmen condemned the arbitrary nature of the military's actions.
- 2.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX provided post with a readout of the January 11 council meeting in El Arish on the security situation in North Sinai in the wake of the recent military operation.
- 3.(S) The council expressed concern about the proliferation and increased use of weapons in North Sinai. The councilmen condemned the arbitrary nature of the military's actions.
- 4.(S) The council recommended that the Egyptian military be used to control the security situation in North Sinai, if the Ministry of Interior' s recommendations are accepted.